

### REMARKS

The Examiner has acknowledged Applicant's election of Group I - Claims 1-11, drawn to a method for detecting an inflammatory response in a breast of lactating mammal, which comprise measuring the amount of SAA protein or mRNA encoding such protein, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372. The Examiner now states "since Applicants elected Group 1, claims 1-11 which has claim 6 drawn to 15 different sequences, restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 for claim 6 as follows:

- Group A1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:1.
- Group B1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:2.
- Group C1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:3.
- Group D1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:4.
- Group E1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:5.
- Group F1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:6.
- Group G1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:7.
- Group H1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:8.
- Group I1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:9.
- Group J1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:10.
- Group K1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:11.
- Group L1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:12.
- Group M1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:13.
- Group N1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:14.
- Group O1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein comprising an amino acid SEQ ID NO:15.

The Examiner continues that Groups A1-O1 are drawn to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct peptides inventions comprising materially different amino acid compositions as evidence by Separate SEQ ID Numbers or general composition formulas.

Applicant elects Group A1, claim 6, drawn to an SAA protein and in response to the species election, elects the species SEQ ID NO:1. The restriction is traversed as all claims are united by a single novel protein and uses thereof.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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